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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 538  
By Davis (Wash)

A RESOLUTION To recognize the contributions of Crumley House in the rehabilitation of brain injured survivors.

WHEREAS, Brain injury is the leading cause of death and disability in the United States, with an estimated two million incidences each year; approximately 90,000 of these incidences result in severe, permanent disability; and

WHEREAS, Statistics indicate that since the 1970s the survival rate for brain injuries has increased from around 20 percent to more than 60 percent in the 1990s, due in large part to the increased use of safety devices such as air bags, seat belts and bicycle and motorcycle helmets; the majority of brain injuries are due to motor vehicle and pedestrian injuries, work-related trauma, suicide attempts, assaults and falls; and

WHEREAS, Brain injury results in permanent neurobiological damage that can produce lifelong defects in such brain function areas as attention, language, memory, problem-solving, physical movements, sensory perception, judgment and reasoning, social behavior, general safety and independence with all the tasks of daily living; the diversity of client needs for

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rehabilitation requires a comprehensive and flexible rehabilitation delivery system to meet the short- and long-term needs of brain injured individuals who may suffer deficits in several areas; and

WHEREAS, The economic cost for brain injury approaches \$25 billion each year; survivors of brain injury typically face 5 to 10 years of intensive services and estimated lifetime costs can exceed \$4 million per year; and

WHEREAS, The impetus for the Crumley House Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center occurred in 1981 when a talented teenager, Lori Beth Ford, suffered brain injury in an automobile accident; Ms. June Barrett, who knew little of traumatic brain injury, undertook Lori's rehabilitation, and, upon realizing the lack of services to support a transition between acute rehabilitation, community re-entry and independent living skills undertook to fill that need; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barrett's pursuit of grant money and private fundraising led to the opening of the Crumley House in 1992, as a pilot program for the State of Tennessee, which was funded in part from a grant provided by the Department of Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation Division; and

WHEREAS, From its location in Johnson City, Crumley House offers vocational and pre-vocational training, training for independent living skills, behavior modification, cognitive retraining, respite care, academic transition, school liaison, social and recreational activities, home and work structural modifications, work adjustment training, community reentry, vocational evaluation, daily living skills, case management, job coaching, counseling for both parent and client, assistive technology, dietetics, religious support, support groups, transportation services, college tutoring, and the coordination of specific therapies with professional service providers; and

WHEREAS, A Crumley House Foundation Board was formed to raise revenue, including gifts of stock, real estate, life insurance, cash, charitable lead trusts, remainder trusts and bequests, to continue, build and expand Crumley House and its services; the support of

energetic volunteers, a motivated staff and dedicated board members ensure the program's success through fundraising, including the Crumley House Horse Show, the NASCAR luncheon, and Equifest; and

WHEREAS, The Crumley House program looks forward to the future opening of a long-term residential facility and day center in Limestone, Tennessee; the new facility will build upon Crumley House's successes since 1992 in providing treatment for hundreds of brain injury survivors and 73 placements of vocational trainees in community employment; and

WHEREAS, The pioneering efforts of the Crumley House program, as embodied in its mission statement "to assist head injury survivors in developing independence, a positive self-image, and vocational skills through participation in social, intellectual, and pre-vocational activities that involved clients, staff, and families," meets a clear and growing need with dedication, imagination and professional skill; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we pause in our deliberations to recognize the outstanding contributions made to the rehabilitation of brain injury survivors of the Crumley House Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center, its staff, board members and volunteers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our profound appreciation to all those involved in the day-to-day operation of Crumley House and its programs and our best wishes for every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.